

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include clearer copies of Fig. 13, 14, 18, 19, 20-25, 28, and 30-33. These sheets replace the original sheets.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 29 has been resubmitted. Claim 29 has been amended. Claims 1-28 have been previously canceled. No new Claims have been added. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-29 prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claim 29 was amended in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the patent application. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-29 as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

The listing of references in the specification were not considered as they were not in an Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner considered the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on 12/4/04. The Drawings were objected to as being not entirely readable. The Specification was objected to as having hyperlinks and a typographical error. Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 29 was determined allowable by the Examiner if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd paragraph objection.

Amendments to the claims

Claim 29 has been amended to recite:

“detecting whether or not the node relating to the image is a node relating to a plurality of bullet images used repeatedly in a designated size”, supported, for example, at page 36, lines 7-22;

“a second classifying step of allocating a plurality of the nodes relating to the bullet image into a classification among classifications of the stationary nodes”, supported, for example at page 118, lines 18-20.

35 U.S.C. 112

The Applicants have amended claim 29 as requested by the Examiner, remove the word “same” from the claim. Therefore, the Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claim 29 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 objection. The Applicants have amended the claim as required by the Examiner, and therefore request that the claim be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Office Action with respect to Claims 29 is requested. Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance or at least in better form for appeal. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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